

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JASON MacLEOD,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN HEGGARTY, ET AL.,

Defendant.

05-10745-DPW

**ANSWER OF THE DEFENDANT JOHN HEGGARTY**

Now comes the Defendant John Heggarty (hereinafter, "Heggarty," or "the Defendant") in the above-entitled matter and for his answer to each paragraph of Plaintiff's "Complaint And Jury Claim" states as follows:

**Introductory Statement**

1. This is an introductory paragraph to which no response is required.

**Parties**

2. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

3. Heggarty admits that he was a City of Lawrence Police Officer in March 2002, otherwise denied.

4. Heggarty admits that Timothy B. Dube was a City of Lawrence Police Officer in March 2002 otherwise denied.

5. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

6. This paragraph contains legal conclusions which do not require a response.

**Factual Allegations**

7. Admitted.

8. Denied.

9. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

10. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

11. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

12. Admitted that the car the Plaintiff was in drove away, otherwise denied.

13. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

14. Denied.

15. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

16. Admitted that two (2) officers in plain clothes approached the car and Mrs. Gilbert put her window down, otherwise denied.

17. Denied.

18. Admitted that the Plaintiff leaned on the car, otherwise denied.

19. Denied.

20. Admitted that Dube searched the car, otherwise denied.

21. Denied.

22. Denied.

23. Denied.

24. Admitted that Dube found a Winston cigarette pack, otherwise denied.

25. Admitted.

26. Admitted.

27. Denied.

28. Admitted.

29. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

**Count I**

**42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Heggarty and Dube**

30. The Defendant incorporates in their entirety his responses to paragraphs one (1) through twenty-nine (29) set forth above.

31. Admitted that on the evening of March 18, 2002, at approximately 10:40 p.m., the Defendants dressed in plain clothes and traveling in an unmarked car stopped the car that the Plaintiff was a passenger in, otherwise denied.

32. Admitted that the Plaintiff was ordered to and did step out of the vehicle, otherwise denied.

33. Denied.

34. Denied.

35. Denied.

36. Admitted that the Defendants placed the Plaintiff in custody, otherwise denied.

37. Admitted that the Plaintiff was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of crack cocaine, otherwise denied.

38. Denied to the extent that the Plaintiff was detained without cause, otherwise the Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

39. Denied.

40. Denied.

41. Denied.

**Count II**

**False arrest and illegal imprisonment**

42. The Defendant incorporates in their entirety his responses to paragraphs one (1) through twenty-nine (29) set forth above.

43. Admitted that Heggarty and Dube were acting as police officers, otherwise denied.

44. This paragraph contains legal conclusions which do not require a response.

45. Denied.

**Count III**

**Malicious Prosecution following false arrest**

46. Admitted that the Plaintiff was in Lawrence on March 18, 2002, where he was detained, arrested, and charged with possession of marijuana and crack cocaine, otherwise denied.

47. Admitted that the Plaintiff was charged with possession of marijuana and crack cocaine, otherwise denied.

48. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

49. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

50. Denied.

51. Denied.

**Count IV**

**Conspiracy to Maliciously Prosecute**

52. The Defendant incorporates in their entirety his responses to paragraphs one (1) through twenty-nine (29) set forth above.

53. Denied.

54. Denied.

55. The Defendant is without sufficient information to enable him to either admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph and so deny same.

56. Denied.

#### **Count V**

57. The Defendant incorporates in their entirety his responses to paragraphs one (1) through twenty-nine (29) set forth above.

58. This paragraph contains legal conclusions which do not require a response.

59. Denied.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

##### **First Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff fails to state a claim against Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

##### **Second Affirmative Defense**

Service of process was insufficient as a matter of law.

##### **Third Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's state claims are barred under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 258 §10.

##### **Fourth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants state that their actions and conduct were performed according to and protected by law and/or legal process and therefore Plaintiff cannot recover.

##### **Fifth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants state that they were privileged in their conduct and acts and therefore Plaintiff cannot recover.

##### **Sixth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants state that if Plaintiff suffered injuries or damages as alleged, such injuries or damages were caused by someone for whose conduct Defendants were not and are not legally responsible.

**Seventh Affirmative Defense**

Defendants are entitled to immunity based upon good faith in that the harm suffered by Plaintiff was not a result which reasonable persons in Defendants' positions would have known would result from such action.

**Eighth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants state that at all times relevant hereto they acted without malice toward Plaintiff and that their actions relative to Plaintiff were privileged by virtue of their reasonable, good faith belief that their actions were lawful and within the scope of their discretionary authority as police officers.

**Ninth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants are qualifiedly immune from this suit as the alleged acts complained of occurred within the scope of their official duties.

**Tenth Affirmative Defense**

Defendants state that any force used toward Plaintiff was reasonable under the circumstances.

**Eleventh Affirmative Defense**

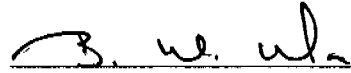
Defendants state that they were justified in their conduct and acts and therefore are not liable to the Plaintiff as alleged in the Complaint.

**Twelfth Affirmative Defense**

Plaintiff's claims against Defendants are frivolous, without any basis in fact and not advanced in good faith. Defendants are therefore entitled to attorney's fees, costs and any other sanctions the Court deems appropriate under the terms and provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1983.

**DEFENDANTS CLAIM TRIAL BY JURY.**

Respectfully submitted,  
For the Defendants,  
**John Heggarty and Timothy B.  
Dube,**  
By their attorneys,



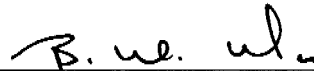
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brian M. Maser, do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing document has been served via first class mail, postage prepaid, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005, upon:

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